JOHN FRANCIS MERCER, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

seer, commit, or cause to be committed, any of the offences prohi- CHAP. TO. bited by this act, he, she or they shall, for every such offence, by the judgment of a single magistrate, be punished with whipping, not exceeding twenty lashes; Provided always, that the master or Provise mistress of such slave, or any other person, may redeem such slave, so convicted, from said punishment, by the payment of the fine that would by this act have been imposed in the case of a free person.

CHAP. LXXI.

An Act authorising the removal of Prisoners in certain cases. Lib. Passed Dec. 31. JG. No. 4, fol. 129.

WHEREAS, doubts have arisen whether any sheriff is authorised Preamble. to remove prisoners from one gaol to another; for remedy whereof,

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Prisoners may be removed from one from and after the passage of this act it shall and may be lawful for good to another in any sheriff of any county in this state, under the direction of the county court of his county, to remove prisoners from the gael in which they are or may be confined to such other gaol in the said county as shall be directed by the said court, and such removal shall not be considered as an escape, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAP. LXXII.

An Act authorising the Trustees of Charlotte Hall School to lay off a Passed Dec. 31. Town in Saint-Mary's County, by the name of Charlotte's-Ville, and to dispose of the Lots therein by lettery. Lib. JG. No. 4, fal. 130. A Supplement, 1803, ch. 37.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this general assembly, by the Preamble. trustees of Charlotte Hall school, that it would much conduce to the prosperity of the said school if a part of the land belonging to said school was laid off into a town, and have prayed that a law may pass

for that purpose; therefore,

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Trustees to surthe trustees of Charlotte Hall school, or any five of them, be and the same out into they are hereby appointed and authorised to survey so much of the lots, streets, &c. land belonging to said school as they may think proper, and the same when surveyed to lay out into lots, streets, lanes and alleys; and the said trustees, or any five of them, are hereby required, within the space of six months after completing the said survey, and locating the same into lots, streets, lanes and alleys, as aforesaid, to make, or cause to be made, a correct certificate and plot of the said survey, and of the respective lots, streets, lanes and alleys, located thereon, describing and arranging the said lots in numerical order, and the streets, lanes and alleys, by their respective names, and certifying the metes and bounds of each of the said lots, streets, lanes and alleys, respectively, and to return the same into the office of the clerk of Saint-Mary's county, to be by him recorded among the land records of said county, at the proper cost of the said trustees, and to be securely kept therein, and the said certificate and plot, or an official copy thereof, or any part thereof, shall at all times thereafter be sufficient evidence of said lots, streets, lanes and alleys, and of the respective metes and bounds thereof.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, or any five of Lots to be bound. them, shall cause all the lots in the said town to be substantially ed and numbered.